

FREDERICK COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES
FREDERICK SENIOR CENTER
January 12, 2009

DOA MEMBERS	DOA STAFF	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED	GUESTS
Suzan M. Adams	Susan M Ramsburg Recording Sec	Alan Imhoff, Alderman	Ona M. John Kile	Belinda Teague-Levy
William P. Allen, PhD	Carolyn True	David Gray, Comm.		
Earl S. Beck, PhD		Margaret Nusbaum		
Rae Ann Butler				
Harold A. Ehart, Jr., Chair				
Lloyd Hoover				
Louise Lynch				
Judy Peterson				
Burt Shawver				
Virginia Skelley				
Robert Wannemacher				

- I. **Call to Order – Hal Ehart, Chair**, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.
- II. **Welcome & Introductions** – Hal Ehart welcomed all attendees and introductions/affiliations were made. Judy Peterson is a new member to the Commission and is present today.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** – - The minutes of the December 8, 2008 were approved with one minor change. The location of December meeting as noted on top of minutes should be Thurmont Senior Center not Frederick Senior Center. All were in favor.
- IV. **Commissioner's Report** – The County Commissioners are still waiting to hear regarding the state budget. They will let everyone know as soon as they have news.

- V. County Commissioner Forum, Hal Ehart** – The Commission would still like to have a forum to include the County Commissioners later this year. Two of the Commissioner's assistants noted dates and times that might work well for all Commissioners schedules. There will be further discussion at the next Executive Board meeting.

United Seniors of Maryland, Hal Ehart – This Commission voted to join this organization at last month's meeting. Virginia Skelley has agreed to be the representative to attend meetings. The Department of Aging was able to pay the \$50.00 membership fee this time. Membership will be renewed in July.

USM Rally on January 27, Hal Ehart – The DoA van will leave from the Frederick Senior Center at 7:00am. There is room on the van to ride, but at this time you will need to purchase your own rally ticket. Transportation cost is \$10 per participant. Tickets purchased through the DoA will be "at the door" the day of the rally. Members of this Commission should individually mail the state delegates and their aides to encourage the delegates' appearance at the rally.

Partner's in Care, Hal Ehart – There will be a local board in Frederick County for this agency. This representation will help them expand in this area.

- VI. BoCC Annual Update, Louise Lynch** – The strategic plan needs to be revisited and formalized. Accomplishments for the previous year and goals for the coming year should be established and documented. This will help determine if goals are being met. There should be a more structured purpose in order to make changes here in Frederick County. Once the plan is adopted, the BoCC will have an idea of what the Commission is working on and how it plans to accomplish the goals.

Election of Officers, Earl Beck – Hal Ehart will continue to be the Chair of this Commission on Aging. Louise Lynch will continue to be Vice Chair of this Commission on Aging. Motion was put forth and seconded. All were in favor.

Nomination Committee Report, Earl Beck – Several resumes have been received and the nomination committee will be reviewing and interviewing several prospects. There will be more to report at next month's meeting.

Housing Commission, Pete Allen – The Council is still investigating developing a Community Land Trust which will provide land for affordable housing on a long term basis. There is still a need to

investigate the legalities and feasibility for this type of program in this area.

Fundraising Ideas for MOW, Kitty Devilbiss – The services provided by the MOW program is fairly limited due to funding. The program would like to grow and serve more seniors in a wider area. A task force has been created which will explore the possibility of becoming a 501(c)(3) which would allow tax deductions and other benefits. This gives the program and a chance to support itself at a time when funding is so limited. The Commission agreed to support the task force in their endeavors.

- VII. Director's Report, Carolyn True** – The DoA had over four hundred appointments to help seniors with the prescription coverage during the Medicare Part D open enrollment period. This is more than last year, but about the same as the first year of MC-D enrollment. The I&A staff will be doing follow-up for other services.

The DoA has submitted its fiscal 2010 budget which showed a three percent and five percent reduction. The three percent was represented by the two frozen positions that we have currently. The five percent was represented by reallocation of staff time distribution and the frozen positions. The BoCC will be reviewing the budgets very closely over the next couple months and we should have a better idea in March of where the County budget for 2010 stands.

There is going to be a shift in the way the State of Maryland looks at funding for long term care. There will be a focus on keeping seniors in their communities as opposed to long term care institutions. There will be more talk about one program, "Money follows the Person", in the coming year. This will focus on larger jurisdictions, but will be eventually coming here to Frederick County.

Gerontology Course, Suzan Adams – The Spring Gerontology courses are scheduled at FCC. There will be three 1-day programs. The program brochure is available on-line.

- VIII. Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Ramsburg,
Recording Secretary

Upcoming Dates:

February 3, 2009 @ 1pm – COA Executive Committee meeting, Department of Aging, 1440 Taney Avenue, Frederick, MD 21702.

February 9, 2009 – COA Meeting at 1:00 pm, Frederick Senior Center, 1440 Taney Avenue, Frederick, MD 21702.